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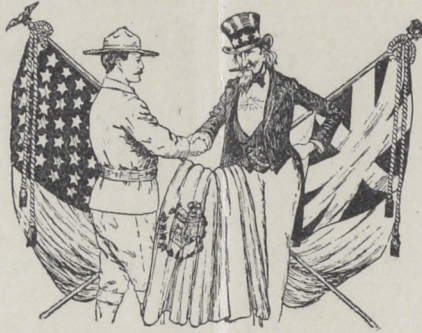
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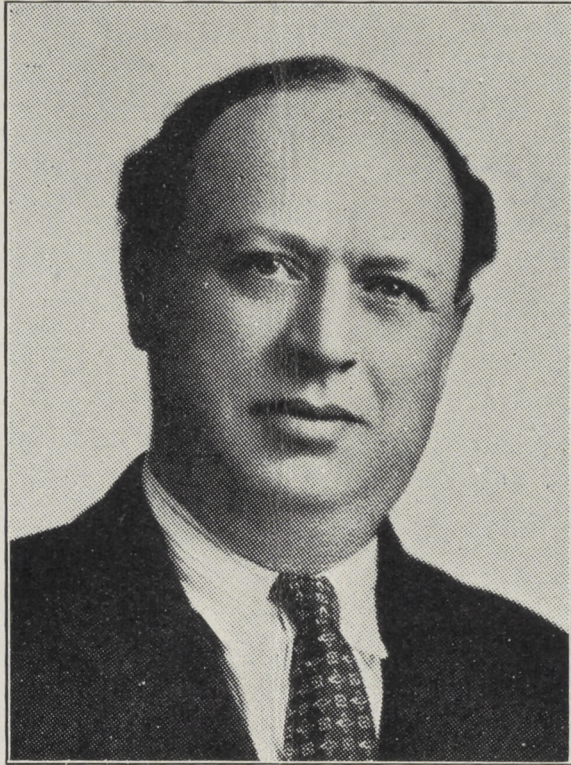


Foreword

MAY THIS, the first Aleph Zadik Aleph Convention on Canadian soil, be a continuing bond of friendship and good-will between the United States and Canada which has resulted in over one hundred years of peace, and may the Jewish youth here assembled in our midst, carry that message of good-will and friendship to the four corners of our respective countries.

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DEDICATION



IN LOVING Memory and sincere appreciation of his untiring efforts in the guidance of Aleph Zadik Aleph, we dedicate this, our annual, to our dear departed leader

HARRY LAPIDUS

"As he would have us, so may we be."

ADVERSITY A BENEFIT



SAM BEBER

THE END of our third year of depression finds us in a tragic plight indeed. Unemployment is rampant throughout the world. Breadlines are common sights in our larger cities. In the United States, we have the sorry spectacle of a "Bonus Army" marching upon Washington, reminiscent of the days of Coxy's Army. Philanthropic, social service, cultural and character building agencies are facing complete breakdown. Drastic budgetary cuts are being made by nearly everyone of these agencies. Extremely difficult has been the task of raising money to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and heal the sick. Much more difficult has been the task of raising money for cultural and character building activities.

After all, when one knows that people are actually dying because charitable institutions lack funds, he can hardly be blamed for not warming up to the necessity of carrying on the splendid educational and character building work that is being done by Synagogues and Temples, Talmud Torahs and Sunday Schools, by Hillel Foundations and the A.Z.A., by Young Judaeans and Boy Scouts, and others. However, the fact of the matter is that prevailing conditions make more necessary than ever, the work of the cultural and character building agencies.

It has been extremely fortunate for us that the frame work of A.Z.A. has been such that in spite of its manifold activities and its wide-spread influences, it has never required more than a very modest budget. We have tried to make all of our activities as self-supporting as possible, with the result that we have been able to continue our entire program until this year, when it became necessary to effect certain substantial economies.

When our Supreme Advisory Council met, last year, we concluded that we had no right to spend a very substantial sum of money to send the winners of the District basketball tournament to the finals, at a time when some people were even without bread. Our chapters accepted this action in the proper spirit and did not permit the elimination of the basketball finals to dampen their ardor for A.Z.A. in the least.

The B'nai B'rith appropriated sufficient money to enable us to successfully carry on the balance of our program, including the debating and oratorical tournament scheduled to be held in connection with our convention, at Winnipeg. As conditions grew worse, the B'nai B'rith found it absolutely impossible to send us all of our appropriation. Further economies became necessary. We immediately voted to eliminate the annual meeting of the Supreme Advisory Council and we accomplished a saving in the operation of our office. Even then, the reduced income was not enough to enable us to finish up the year. It, therefore, became necessary to either eliminate the convention or the debate and oratory finals. We submitted this matter to the chapters and the overwhelming majority favored the convention.

It made me very happy indeed that this action was accepted by the chapters in the proper spirit. Very few protests were heard and these were immediately withdrawn as soon as the conditions making this action necessary, were explained. Again have the A.Z.A. members proved that their loyalty and devotion to A.Z.A. are far above personal ambition and gain. Our chapters desire and are deserving of the very finest set of activities which can be sponsored by young men. That has always been our ambition. Our program has been truly "Five Fold and Full." It must and will continue that way. If finances force the elimination of some expensive project we will concentrate our efforts on other projects not so expensive. The value of an activity does not in any way depend upon its cost.

As this is being written, on the eve of our Ninth International Convention, it seems to me that past events demonstrate rather convincingly that A.Z.A. has the type of membership that knows not what adversity means. A.Z.A. has the vigor of youth and indomitable will that urges it on to greater and still greater accomplishments. We have often heard of the A.Z.A. spirit, but it is only in times like these when we can begin to fully appreciate just what it means. A.Z.A. has succeeded in developing an "esprit de corps" which has resulted in a solidarity, that has stood us in good stead during these trying times. As a matter of fact, I believe that I can truthfully say that we have come through these years of depression more virile, more active and more firmly entrenched than we have ever been before. May I express the hope that A.Z.A. continue in this spirit. May I say to our Ninth International Convention that in this spirit A.Z.A. offers a challenge to Jewry at large, and a promise of its perpetuation.

—SAM BEBER.

International Officers



Standing—Milton Blumenfeld, Grand Aleph S'gan; Lloyd Isaacson, Grand Aleph Mazkir; Morris Supovitz, Grand Aleph Shotare Godol; Dave Rothman, Grand Aleph Shotare Kotone; Aaron Brenner, Grand Aleph Sopher; Sol Bercuson, Grand Aleph Kohen Godol; William Fineman, Grand Aleph Gisbor.
Sitting—Nathan Wahlbery, Junior Member S.A.C; I. Adried Fried, Grand Aleph Bodol, Aaron Tollin, Junior Member S.A.C.

AT THE Eighth Annual Convention held in Milwaukee last year, the above men were elected as the International Officers of the Aleph Zadik Aleph. They have done their work well, and guided us through a year of much trouble and travail. To them we offer our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

Message of General Chairman of Convention to Delegates and Visitors



JOSEPH LYONS

IT IS with the most heartfelt pleasure that I welcome you to Winnipeg on behalf of the Winnipeg Chapter No. 38 of A. Z. A. The Convention is a momentous one both in the history of this chapter and of the Order as a whole. This Ninth International Convention presents the fulfillment of a dream cherished in the minds of those members whose hearts in December of the year 1926 were fired with the determination to firmly establish the Order on Canadian soil, and to propagate its ideals to the Jewish youth of this country.

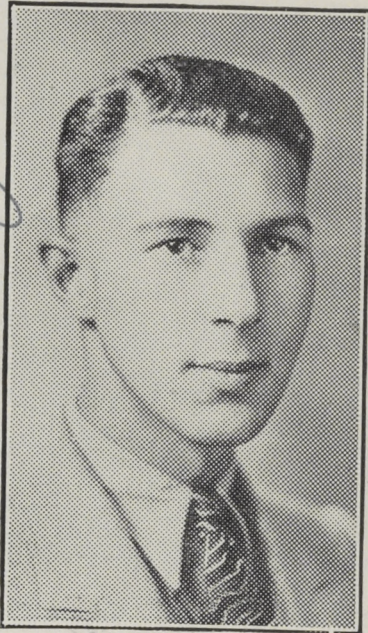
Spurred on by this ambition, it was inevitable that Winnipeg Chapter immediately after its installation should establish itself as a leading chapter in the eyes of the Order to the end that the recognition it achieved would result in its obtaining the privilege of playing host to the visitors and delegates of the Ninth International Convention.

Every member of the Chapter feels the importance of the occasion and for many months co-operated in the preparations so that no effort has been spared and nothing has been omitted in order to ensure success.

It is the express hope of myself and of all those who have aided me in this noble task that all delegates and visitors will join together in that bond of fraternity, to which they are all pledged, in spreading the spirit of brotherly love and harmony amongst all present so that some good may result from the deliberations at the sessions. As Alephs, we must remember that our prime motive in life is not indulgence in pleasures, but in the seeking and striving to apply our seven cardinal principles to our daily conduct. We trust that the Alephs will so conduct themselves in a manner befitting the idealism they profess as to meet with the everlasting approval of Winnipeg and Canadian Jewry.

Convention Committee

Hart Green, Jr.



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HAROLD HAID



SAM GALPERN



NATHAN MOSCOVITCH

Winnipeg Chapter No. 38



WINNIPEG Chapter No. 38, A.Z.A. of the B'nai B'rith was organized in the month of December, 1926, with a charter membership of 35. During the six years of its existence, Winnipeg Chapter has gradually progressed, and its fame has spread throughout the Order. Immediately following its installation the Chapter achieved recognition when one of its members, Irwin Dorfman, won the first International Essay Contest in 1927. This performance was repeated by him in 1928. Further, in 1930, the Chapter represented by Solomon Kanee and Max Cohen won the International Debating Championship.

In addition it has been honored by the election of Allan A. Klass as Grand Aleph S'gan in 1927 and again in 1930 by the election of Joseph Lyons to the same position.

The reputation of Winnipeg as a Convention City has been ably upheld on several occasions, by Chapter No. 38. Besides the present International Convention, Winnipeg has welcomed A. Z. A. to the District Tournament in 1931, and to District Conventions of the North-West Association of Alephs in 1928 and again in 1930.

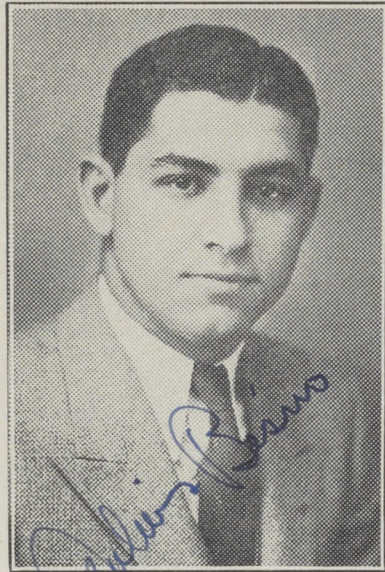
The members show an interest not merely in athletic and sporting endeavors, to which numerous medals and cups bear testimony, but also have shown an active interest in cultural work in the form of debates, lectures, essays and assistance in religious education. This Chapter was the inaugurator in Winnipeg of Father and Son banquets, and has held many successful Sabbath Day services.

With this record of achievement, Winnipeg Chapter claims to be well fitted to play host to the visiting Alephs at the 1932 International Convention, and acknowledges with gratitude, the co-operation of its Alumni and of Winnipeg Lodge No. 650, B'nai B'rith.

Our Secretaries



PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK
Executive-Secretary



JULIUS BISNO
Assistant Exec.-Sec.

WINNIPEG Chapter No. 38 began the year 1931 to 1932 with the knowledge that it was successful in obtaining the International Convention for 1932. As a result the members were stimulated to renewed vigor, and interest in its activities reached a high pitch. Utilizing this additional spur the Executive of the Chapter launched a series of activities which included a debat and dance with the local chapter of Hadassah, a Monte Carlo dance, a picnic for the orphans of the Jewish Orphanage of Western Canada and several successful Sabbath day services.

Sporting activities were well patronized and there were many interesting games between bowling teams of the Chapter, and also baseball games amongst the members.

The cultural activities included oratorical contests, discussions on various topics, a splendid A. Z. A. programme in conjunction with the local B'nai B'rith Lodge and many interesting addresses by prominent local speakers.

Several B'nai B'rith meetings were held in conjunction with the local Chapter at which members of the A. Z. A. delivered addresses on Jews in China and in Palestine as outlined in the programme compiled by the S. A. C.

With the date of the International Convention finally settled all Alephs were galvanized into energetic action and all worked in harmony to make this Convention the most successful and memorable one ever held.

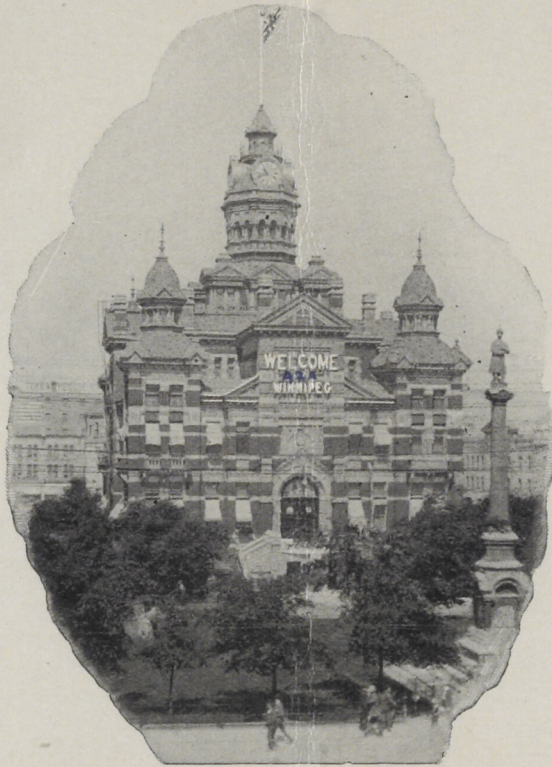
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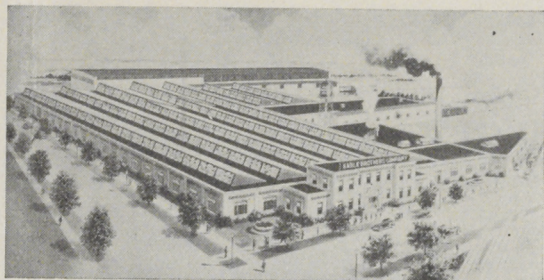
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